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In re Application of:

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DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF : May 22, 2000

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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

It is hereby certified that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. A copy of the communication is attached hereto.

As understood by Applicants, JPA 8-278865 and JPA 8-286854 disclose the acquisition of status information of a plurality of printers and the display of a list of the

printers. These references also disclose that, when a user selects one of printers, status information of the selected printer is displayed on a operation panel.

JPA 6-350602, as understood by Applicants, discloses a network managing apparatus capable of acquiring summary information related to a group of network devices and displaying the summary information. This reference also discloses a technique for acquiring detailed information from the group in response to an administrator's request and displaying the detailed information.

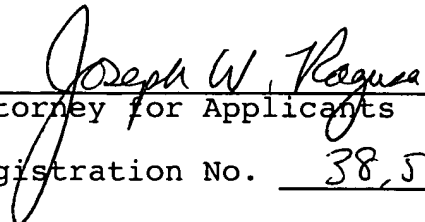
As understood by Applicants, JPA 7-200209 discloses the acquisition of information related to a status and a load of a printer when a user of a workstation designates the name of the printer.

The Microsoft Windows 95 printer driver operation manual discloses an "Epson Printer Window" in which tabs of "Status", "Printer Information", "Configuration Information" and "Tools" are displayed. The document also discloses that, when a user selects one of the tabs of the window, information related to the selected tab is displayed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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